

Appl. No. 09/712,612
Amdt. dated December 13, 2004
Reply to Office Action of October 20, 2004

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed October 20, 2004, claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 "as being indefinite for the expression 'T is independently CR, provided that R is not H or NR'. Such expression fails to clarify the intended meaning, especially as to the part CR is not NR." Claim 24 was allowed.

The Examiner is thanked for a telephone interview on November 8, 2004 where the rejection was discussed. The Examiner indicated a formal response should be filed indicating the rejected phrase does not appear in the rejected claims 1-6, but does appear in withdrawn claim 23.

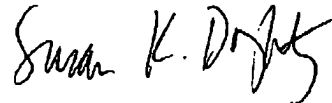
In response to the Office Action, withdrawn claims 8-23 have been cancelled without prejudice. The rejected claims 1-6 do not contain the phrase used in the rejection. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested. It is believed claim 7 should be under consideration. Claim 7 is dependent on claim 5, which is, in turn, dependent on claim 1.

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CONCLUSION

It is believed claims 1-7 and 24 are allowable. If there are any issues remaining to passage of this case to issuance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned. It is believed that the present submission does not require the payment of any fees. If this is incorrect however, please charge any fees required, including any extensions of time required, to Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

Respectfully submitted,



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